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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 1, 2006, regarding the abovereferenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment set forth below and consideration of the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.